

# House Bill 272

## Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force

Legislative Overview

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# Task Force Membership

## 19 Members

- The Lieutenant Governor or his designee shall serve as **Chairman**
  - **Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder**
- Directors of the departments of Health and senior services, social services and mental health or their designees
  - **Ms. Margaret Donnelly - Health and Senior Services**
  - **Mr. Keith Schafer - Mental Health**
  - **Mr. Ronald Levy - Social Services**
- One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker
  - **Representative Maria Chappele-Nadal**
- One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem
  - **Senator Bill Stouffer**

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- One member who has early-stage Alzheimer's or a related dementia
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- One member who is a family caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's or a related dementia
  - **Ms. Maureen Dempsey**
- One member who is a licensed physician with experience in the diagnosis, treatment, and research of Alzheimer's disease
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- One member from the office of the state ombudsman for long-term care facility residents
  - **Ms. Julie Ballard**

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- One member representing the home care profession
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- One member representing residential long-term care
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- One member representing the adult day services profession
  - **Ms. Deborah Ellis**
- One member representing the insurance profession
  - **Mr. John Huff**
- One member representing the area agencies on aging
  - **Ms. Jean Leonatti**

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- One member with expertise in minority health
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- One member who is a licensed elder law attorney
  - **Waiting Appointment**
- Two members from the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support, and research
  - **Waiting Appointment**

# Duties of the Task Force

1. Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on residents of the State of Missouri

# Duties of the Task Force

2. Examine the existing services and resources addressing the needs of persons with dementia, their families, and caregivers

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3. Develop recommendations to respond to the escalating public health situation regarding Alzheimer's



# Information to Include in the Assessment and Recommendation Process

- (1) Trends in state Alzheimer's and related dementia populations and their needs, including but not limited to, the state's role in long-term care, family caregiver support, and assistance to persons with early-stage Alzheimer's, early onset of Alzheimer's, and individuals with Alzheimer's disease as a result of Down's Syndrome**

# Information to Include in the Assessment and Recommendation Process

**(2) Existing services, resources, and capacity, including but not limited to:**

**(a) Type, cost, and availability of services for persons with dementia, including home and community based resources, respite care to assist families, residential long-term care options, and adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia;**

**(b) Dementia-specific training requirements for individuals employed to provide care for persons with dementia;**

# Information to Include in the Assessment and Recommendation Process

**(c) Quality care measure for services delivered across the continuum of care;**

**(d) Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia;**

**(e) State support for Alzheimer's research through institutes of higher learning in Missouri;**

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- (3) Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.**

# Meeting Requirements

- The Task Force Shall hold a minimum of one meeting at four diverse geographic regions in the State of Missouri during the calendar year to seek public input
- The Task force shall continue to meet at the request of the Chair and at a minimum of one time annually for the purpose of evaluating the implementation and impact of the Task Force recommendations

# Task Force Report

- The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and date-specific recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor in the form of a State Alzheimer's Plan no later than November 15, 2010, as part of Alzheimer's disease awareness month
- Provide annual supplemental reports on the findings to the Governor and the General Assembly